

Braille-Untangling the Dots

For Persons Providing Instruction to Braille Students in Montana
October 18 - 19, 2012

Keynote speaker: Jan Zollinger

"The Joy of Teaching Braille Literacy Through the Arts"

Jan Zollinger has taught blind and visually impaired children for 36 years. She has taught in both the residential and outreach programs. She received her Bachelor's in VI Education from Brigham Young University and began her career at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. She later earned her Master's Degree in Education (Curriculum & Instruction). Jan will demonstrate how the Arts can increase a student's motivation to learn Braille. She will share strategies that use music, movement, poetry, and drama to help children learn the Braille alphabet and contractions. Jan says "The Arts are not meant to replace the traditional methods of teaching Braille. Instead, they should be used along with teaching the contractions to increase motivation and learning." Jan knows that the Arts make both teaching and learning more enjoyable and meaningful. In 2004 Jan received the National "Distinguished Educator of Blind Children" Award from the NFB. Jan also received her (NLS) National Library Services Literary Braille Transcriber Certification in 2007.

Jan has been working on a Braille Teaching Book specifically for TVI's and anyone wanting to make learning Braille fun. Jan submitted her book to APH last spring. "Teaching Braille Literacy Through the Arts" was just accepted August 8th as a product to be developed by APH.

Thursday, October 18, 2012

Location:

8:00 – 8:30	Registration	<i>Bitterroot IMC</i>
8:30-9:00	Welcome	<i>Conference room</i>
9:00-10:00	Teaching Braille Through the Arts with Jan Zollinger	<i>Conference room</i>
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10:00-10:15	BREAK	
10:15-12:00	Teaching Braille Through the Arts with Jan Zollinger continuation	<i>Conference room</i>
12:00 – 1:15	Networking Lunch “Reflection”	
1:15 -2:15	Braille Work Session	<i>Conference room</i>
<i>This session will focus on completion of braille lessons for all levels. You will need a braille and/or laptop if you’re a Perky Duck user as well as your transcriber materials if you have them.</i>		
2:15 – 2:30	BREAK	
2:30 – 3:00	Braille Work Session continuation	<i>Conference room</i>
3:00-4:00	Teaching Braille Through the Arts continuation	<i>Conference room</i>
OPTIONAL: 6:30-8:30 Evening braille work session		
		<i>Braille lab open</i>

Friday, October 19, 2012

Location:

8:00-8:15	General Session	Conference Room
<i>We will review the schedule of events for the day and clarify any questions from the previous day.</i>		
8:15 – 10:00	Teaching Braille Through the Arts with Jan Zollinger continuation	Conference room
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-11:45	Teaching Braille Through the Arts with Jan Zollinger continuation	Conference Room
11:45 – 1:00	Networking Lunch	
<i>This will be an opportunity for professional educators to utilize braille throughout their meal.</i>		
1:00 – 1:30	Accessible resources for Braille Books With Staci Bechard, MSDB Librarian	Conference Room
1:30 – 2:45	Braille Work Session	Conference Room
2:45 - 3:00	Closing/Evaluations	Conference Room



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Registration Form

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Name (First, Last): _____

School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lodging: (circle one) MSDB Cottages / Lodging Off-campus
(Limited space provided w/o charge) / (responsibility of attendee)

MSDB has limited on-campus, double occupancy, overnight accommodations. These accommodations are provided at no-cost on a first come, first served basis. A block of 10 rooms has been reserved at Fairfield Inn, 1000 9th Avenue South in Great Falls, 406-454-3000. They provide hot breakfasts with the room. (Mention *UNTANGLING THE DOTS* at MSDB to receive a group rate of \$77.00 plus tax. This rate will be held until October 16 and are available Oct. 17-19.)

If staying in MSDB Cottages, which nights will you need lodging? (Please circle) Wed. / Thurs. / Fri.

Meals –Light breakfast items will be available to those staying in the cottages and lunches will be provided by MSDB with boxed lunches on Thursday and a Taco bar in the MSDB Dining room Friday. Dinner is on your own.

Please circle your choice of Sandwich: Sandwich Boxes with Marinated Veggie Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit and Brownie. Choice of the following Sandwiches:

Turkey and Swiss Roast Beef and Cheddar Ham and Cheddar Tuna Salad

Vegetarian: cucumber, mushrooms, red onion, lettuce, cheddar and Swiss

*If anyone has a gluten allergy, let me know, as we can accommodate them

College credit and or CEUs option: A working lunch will be required for those taking the college credit from MSU-Northern on Thursday and Friday.

Please circle your current status in the braille certification process.

Not signed up Signed up and have completed through lesson _____

☺ **You will need to bring your braille and/or a laptop as well as your transcription course materials if applicable.**

Please return form by October 5, 2012 to:

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